



# State of North Carolina

PAT MCCRORY  
GOVERNOR

## DIGESTIVE MOTILITY AWARENESS MONTH

2013

### BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA A PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, digestive diseases affect approximately 20 to 30 percent of the North American population; and

**WHEREAS**, digestive disorders can occur in any region of the digestive tract, and may produce chronic motor and sensory disturbances characterized by weakened, spastic or failed propulsion of food through the digestive system; and

**WHEREAS**, patients, who may appear well, are suffering and struggle with the debilitating nature of their digestive system; and

**WHEREAS**, digestive diseases may lead to Diabetes, Gastroparesis, Esophageal Spasms, Scleroderma, Achalasia and other debilitating diseases; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of North Carolina joins Gastroparesis Patient Association for Cures and Treatments, Inc. (G-PACT) and other interested agencies and organizations in promoting increased awareness through education, advocacy programs and research, and in efforts to improve early detection and symptom management;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, PAT MCCRORY, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim August 2013, as “**DIGESTIVE MOTILITY AWARENESS MONTH**” in North Carolina, and commend its observance to all citizens.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the Capitol in Raleigh this seventeenth day of July in the year of our Lord two thousand and thirteen, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirty-eighth.

  
PAT MCCRORY  
Governor

